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HERE'RE PHONE FIGURES WITHOUT CENT CHARGE

CONGRESS AUTHORIZES JONES & LAUGHLIN IMPROVEMENT

SENATOR
NEW'S BILL
GREAT AIDMeasure Breaks Speed Rec-
ords; Means Much to
Region

Compliance with the principal condition contingent upon the coming of the Jones and Laughlin Steel plant to the Jones and Laughlin Steel plant, was completed late yesterday when the house of representatives at Washington passed Senator New's bill providing for the improvement of the west branch of the Indiana Harbor ship canal.

The bill, already passed by the senate, now goes to President Harding for his signature.

WHAT IT MEANS.
When the Jones and Laughlin Steel company of Pittsburgh in December, dealing with Col. Walter J. Riley and A. A. Westberry as the representatives of the owners, put under contract and option 1200 acres of land in Hammond upon which they propose to erect coke-ovens, blast-furnaces and steel works the deal was made contingent upon the meeting of certain conditions.

The most important of these was the approval of congress for certain harbor improvements. Others, covering extension of certain streets and alteration of the right-of-way for a sewer, passage of ordinances by Hammond and East Chicago, and deeds from the state.

PERMITS PORT EXTENSION.
The new bill permits the filling in of the unused west branch of the Indiana Harbor ship canal from White Oak avenue to Calumet avenue. It further permits the East Chicago company to dredge the ship canal from White Oak avenue to Calumet avenue.

This filling in is necessary in order to enable the steel plant to make use of what would be an unused water route, and permits it to provide slips and turning basin for its ore fleet and hence makes for more convenience in the operation of a great plant.

Other words, it brings to the steel plant the best harbor development, and will line the canal at that point with blast-furnaces and ore docks.

QUICK FEDERAL AID.
It was on January 5 that Mayor Brown of Hammond presided at a public meeting at Hammond by which the county and city officials, business men and representatives of civic organizations of North township united in endorsing the bill.

This meeting passed resolutions asking Senators New, Watson and Congressman Wood to support the bill in getting the necessary congressional authority which would enable the building of the giant industry here.

In less than two months' time the legislation has become an actual fact, due to the constant interest the two senators and local congressman gave the New bill.

The wide influence of Senator New in Washington aided when the measure came to the war department for approval or rejection. Once in the senate the bill obtained favorable committee endorsement, and while Messrs. New and Watson were speeding it through the upper house Congressman Wood was none the less active in the lower house.

RECORD FOR SPEED.
Probably no other bill of such importance affecting the future of the Calumet region was ever speeded through congress in such short time as was the New bill. Senator New's high standing in congress, at the white house, and with the departments of the government aided immensely in passing the measure, which is scheduled to hasten and further enlarge the prosperity and growth of the Calumet region.

AIDS DISTRICT.
"This quick action by congress is a tremendous help in the plans for developing the Jones and Laughlin harbor facilities and aiding in clinching the steel plant for this district," said Vice President Westberry of the East Chicago company, which will undertake the dredging of the canal.

"Great credit is due Messrs. New, Watson and Wood for their being on the job in Washington and their eagerness to assist Lake county," Congressman Wood was informing me of the passage of the bill yesterday fairly took me off my feet for it certainly was quick legislation," said Mr. Westberry.

OTTENHEIMER
DEFENDS MARYARZ

[SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]
CROWN POINT, IND., March 7.—Jesus Maryarz, charged with forgery, is being defended in the criminal court by Attorney Lester Ottenheimer.

The state alleges that Maryarz passed worthless checks in a conspiracy with Hulea Bucur who received a sentence of two to fourteen years yesterday.

Home Brew Clogs Sewer

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]
LAWRENCE MASS., March 7.—The sewers in this city are clogged by refuse from home brew. Alderman Patrick McNelly, head of the department of public engineering, made the declaration.

He has appealed to Alderman Peter Carr, head of the police department. Acting upon the suggestion of the engineering head the police find it easy in following clues in the districts where the brew-clogged sewers are. Raids in the affected sections are planned.

Did You
Hear That

WHAT ever became of Jim Wang Michelstetter? Has anybody heard?

THE J. K. STINSONS are moving into their house at Hohman and Highland streets.

STEVE LOHMAN, 1150 Madison ave., was fined \$10 and costs in city court for failure to carry tail lights on auto.

TOM PLATT has the largest and best arranged finger print library in the state.

COUNTY Auditor George M. Poland is planning to go down to French Lick to recuperate from his winter vacation in Cuba.

ARTHUR C. ARMSTRONG, of Hammond, has been granted a patent on a process of distilling oil and the apparatus for distillation.

ELMER SUMMERHAUS, 233 Highland street, tells police his house was entered and \$14.31 in cash was taken from a bureau drawer.

AGAIN killing is here. Proof this time comes from the Kluckhoffer farm on the Saxony road where a bluebird was seen Sunday.

HARRY DIAMOND is in mourning this week. His trick dog, a Boston bull terrier, was killed by an auto on Hohman st. Harry valued the dog at \$150.

SOMEONE who seems to be trying to kid Abbie Gilboe and Charles P. Gilboe, reports that they took in the De Luxe Sunday evening and then dined at the Union restaurant.

HUGH TROTTER, 1074 Ray avenue, says his suit case containing \$30 worth of clothing fell off a jitney near Highland and Columbia streets. Somebody found it. But not Trotter.

THIEVES entering the People's Cash Grocery at 974 Columbia avenue tap the till for \$5 and get a supply of cigars and cigarettes. This is the second time robbers have entered the grocery.

LEO LEE MORAN, fresh checked, 25 year old farmer boy from Crown Point was picked up yesterday by Hammond police. Leo Lee had struck out to paddle his own canoe. He was returned to his father.

LADIES of the Oriental Shrine and their friends will be entertained at a Luncheon party in honor of the Patrol Girls at the home of Mrs. J. M. Wilcockson, 170 Plummer ave. Wednesday afternoon and evening.

DAVE LOVENHIN gives the advance tip for lovers of music who are longing for entertainment to just wait until May, when Swift's male chorus of 65 voices comes to Hammond under the auspices of the Trinity Men's Club.

BILL WEIKER says that the fellow who fell dead when he drew a royal flush had ought to have seen some of the hands they deal themselves at the Crown Point Commercial Club. "A royal flush is a risky bet up there," says Bill.

IRVING CHAYKEN, ambitious young promoter, is selling space to merchants who are eager to advertise in the hand-drawn program he is preparing for the Northern Indiana basketball championship tournament to be held here March 17th and 18th.

STEVE VARGO, 575 Morton avenue, on his fourth conviction for violating liquor laws, was fined \$250 and was given a jail sentence of 90 days by Special Judge John W. Morland. I. I. Modjeska, defending Vargo, said he'd appeal.

LONG distance operator speaking: "On your call for Otto Fifield at Crown Point they said that he had gone to Lowell. We called Lowell and they said he just left for Hobart. Shall I try to get him at Hobart?" Telephone Operator: "You might catch him at Whiting."

JOHN E. FITZGERALD, III at his home since Saturday with pneumonia, is in a critical condition, the attending nurse announced today. She would neither affirm nor deny reports that Mr. Fitzgerald was near death. Two physicians are working desperately to save his life.

CONFUSED when caught between the network of gates at the Hohman street railroad crossing, F. D. Jarvis, 225 Oakley ave., yesterday attempted to back away from one gate and smashed into another. The top of his car was torn away and he narrowly escaped serious injury.

A. F. ROHRER, successful Hammond business man and manufacturer, is numbered among the few but enthusiastic classicists, who still maintain the value of Greek and Latin in collegiate curricula.

Mr. Rohrer, before entering the business world, was a teacher of Greek and Latin in an Illinois college.

THAT there will be a joint meeting of Edward H. Larsen Post No. 802, V. F. W. and the Ladies Auxiliary at Odd Fellows Hall, 177 State street tonight at 8 o'clock. Every member is expected to be present and report on the sale of tickets for "A Buck on Leave," which is being given for the benefit of ex-service men.

HAMMOND store owners are anxious to co-operate with the city sealer in his pure food campaign. Hohman and State street stores yesterday were notified to cover candles, fruits and other perishable foods exposed to handling.

One store proprietor said since following this order of the city sealer he was saving \$1 daily which represented the cost of fruit "lifted" by customers who came in to sample the stocks.

SPORTSMEN
HAVE QUITE A
GATHERING

Over 100 sportsmen gathered last evening in the basement of the J. W. Millikan store in Hammond for the March meeting of the Lake County Fish & Game Protective Association.

Phil Smith was in charge of the program which consisted of an experience meeting in which hunters and fishers told of their most exciting moments afield. Live stories were told by William Vater, Roy Olsen, Phil Smith, Tom McCulla, Ernest Vater, Ed. Rohde, Bill Dickinson, J. M. Wilcockson, Frank Holley, H. Eggers, C. Miller, Dr. R. F. Holley, J. Meade, Louis Roth, Ed. Bohling and V. A. Bloxham.

Mr. Bloxham suggested the organization of a branch of the Isak Walton club in Hammond. The president of the Chicago club will be brought to Hammond soon to discuss the project.

It was announced that Director Mansfield of the state fish and game department will come to Hammond for the April meeting and deliver an address. He will bring four or five reels of movie films to illustrate his lecture.

An effort will also be made to borrow from a Chicago firm five reels on big game hunting. This meeting will probably be held in a theater or large hall in order to accommodate the sportsmen and their families.

A report was read on the work which has been done last year by the Indiana game wardens. Indiana was shown to rank first in number of arrests, successful prosecutions and Warden Al Barber, of Hammond, was second on Indiana's list. Through the efforts of the Lake county association another warden has been assigned to assist Mr. Barber.

The evening wound up with a lunch and smoking.

E. CHICAGO
CITY DADS
IN SESSION

The neat sum of \$3,500, collected by the East Chicago City Comptroller, as soft drink parlor license since January 1, 1922, is to be refunded out of the city treasury to the sixty-four proprietors of ex-saloon in East Chicago and Indiana Harbor.

At the regular meeting of the common council last night, Councilman Messex introduced a motion to reconsider this ordinance that had already gone to the second reading and laid on the table, and refund the monies collected as license from the soft drink parlors over the city in the current year.

The bloody duel was started "in peace and quietness." Some councilman had the audacity to infer that these sixty-four impatient soft drink parlor men, seated in the assembly of the council chamber to learn of their fate, had wantonly defied the eighteenth amendment and to refund this money was perfectly ridiculous. Alderman McKenna made the statement that the council wasn't here representing the people to pay Santa Claus to the soft drink parlor proprietors.

Another opposition, Councilman Donovan said that he was in possession of information from elegant sources that certain city officials had voluntarily canvassed soft drink parlor men to be present at the council meeting Monday night and push members of the council for a refund of their license monies.

Councilman Davis became personal and questioned each alderman individually as to whether he had been approached by proprietors of soft drink parlors who had paid their license this year and was looking for a refund from the city. The poll taken by Councilman Davis showed that the majority of the members had been solicited by interested proprietors. But words were wasted breath. The vote when taken by City Clerk Miller showed seven in favor of reconsidering and passing the ordinance against three members opposing the measure.

Claims and numerous bills aggregating \$19,644.98, due and payable out of the 1921 budget, embodied in an ordinance, was introduced before members of the council for passage and authorization of payment of these bills. The appropriation showing the various city departments and the amount in arrears, as contained in this ordinance, was:

Board of Public Works, \$14,002.77
Board of Safety, 2,166.22
Dept. of Finance, 1,190.89
Board of Health, 1,861.47
Dept. of Law, 243.83

In the opinion of Comptroller P. A. Parks, most of the bills now hanging fire are legitimate and could be O. K'd for payment but recommended that the claims dating back as far as 1917 should be given the "once over" before payment is allowed. This ordinance was referred to the finance committee for investigation.

An ordinance, appropriating \$7,500 for the purchase of desks, jury box, and other furnishings for the court room, was adopted.

An ordinance, appropriating \$1,500, (Continued on page twelve)

OWN YOUR HOME

I will build in Whiting, Hammond or Indiana Harbor, Bungalows, \$1,500 to \$5,000 on monthly payments. First payment \$50.00. A-X care Lake County Times. 3-7-1

EX-SOLDIER
JAILED FOR
GIRL'S RUINJudge Norton Sends Wealthy
Ora, Ind. Man to Jail for
Misleading Pretty Val-
paraiso Girl

CROWN POINT, March 7.—Judge Norton in the juvenile court sentenced John W. Parker, wealthy ex-soldier of Ora, Ind., to six months in jail and administered a fine of \$500 for contributing to the delinquency of a pretty sixteen-year-old Valparaiso girl.

The girl is the daughter of a well known and respected Valparaiso family.

Parker's father, who died several years ago, was a banker and landowner. His widow is one of the wealthiest women in the county. Parker has a wife and five children who are supported by his father's estate.

Wounded in France, Parker was sent to the government's public service hospital for disabled soldiers at Valparaiso. He met the girl and she became infatuated with him. By arrangement they met in Gary where they found accommodations with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyer, at 1126 Washington street.

Both Boyer and his wife were also arrested, charged with contributing to the delinquency of the girl. Boyer was sent to jail for three months and Mrs. Boyer for thirty days.

The girl told Judge Norton that Parker seduced her after giving her moonshine highballs prepared by the Boyers. She knew, however, that he was married.

WOMEN SOLICIT MEN
IN HAMMOND JITNEYS

Police are Told of Immoral Traffic Through City's Streets.

The easiest and oldest profession has followed the trend of the times. No longer do painted ladies congregate in pass-by from latticed windows. The adventure of amor lurks in the jitneys. It has taken to locomotion.

Complaint has been made to the police that men are being solicited in jitneys traversing the streets of Hammond and East Chicago. Captain Ford sedans are rented by these women and the drivers instructed to pull up to the curb wherever a man is seen waiting for a street car or motor cab.

The women sizes up the prospective victim when he enters the auto and a few blocks away makes a casual advance. If he resents her familiarity the man will order the driver to stop, pay his fare and continue on foot. If on the other hand, he is amenable, the women will tell the driver to go to a certain place where liquor and accommodation can be secured.

Instead of 10 cents the usual fare, the driver will charge \$1 or more. Chief of Police Bunde has ordered a vigilant watch on all jitneys to stop the growing practice.

ANOTHER VAMP
AUTO RUNS AWAY

Seventeen year old Mike Molik, of 2358 Filmore street, Gary, is suffering from severe injuries at Mercy hospital today as the result of being run down by an unknown autoist in Gary last night.

Molik who was riding a bicycle on Broadway was struck by the autoist, who was traveling south in a sedan car, at an excessive rate of speed. The autoist only increased his speed and made good his escape.

Molik was found in the middle of the road by Sidney Alenworth, a well known Crown Point man who was on his way home. Placing the injured lad in the machine, Alenworth brought him to the police station together with two boys who had witnessed the accident. Molik was taken to the Mercy hospital after being questioned.

According to the police report this morning young Molik suffered some fractured ribs and knee cap. He may also be suffering from internal injuries which may prove serious. Unable to get a good description of the car or the license number, the police have been unable to trace the owner of the machine.

Three Chicagoans (men) riding from Burnham to the metropolis in a 3-passenger automobile over Lake George road early this morning were horrified when their machine suddenly burst into flame. They brought the car to a stop, and failing to put out the fire, pushed the car into the lake. The fire was extinguished. The men sent for a Chicago wrecking crew and the car was resurrected and hauled away.

PUSH CAR INTO
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FURTHER GAINS IN
STEEL MILL OUTPUTLeading Interest in Chicago
Adds Two Furnaces; Jump
To 60 Per Cent. Mark.

The steel industry continues to gain momentum in the Calumet district. Reports from leading producers yesterday indicated that the heavy demand noted a week ago continues and mill operations have been expanded further.

The leading interest in the Calumet district has blown in two additional blast furnaces, one at Gary and one at the South Chicago works. This gives a total of 14 out of 27 furnaces active.

Operations of the leading producer, which were reported at 25 per cent last week, have jumped to the 60 per cent mark. The leading independent also reports good business and is maintaining its output at the same figure as last week—60 per cent.

Railroads are taking good-sized

tonnages of track fastenings and Chicago mills are benefitting to quite an extent. Finished steel is in good demand and prices are firming up.

ROTARIANS
URGE UNION
OF 3 CITIESClub Takes Up Fight for Amalgamation and Favors
Election at Once

Acting on the suggestion made in a recent Times editorial, the Hammond Rotary club today instructed its public affairs committee to report at the next meeting a plan to initiate a program of education looking towards an amalgamation election within a year.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the Hammond Rotary club last year was the procuring of the enactment of a law which provided that on a petition signed by a certain number of voters an election to amalgamate the cities of North township must be held.

SENTIMENT GROWS.
Since that time amalgamation sentiment in each of the cities of the region has been growing apace. Many of the old objections have been eliminated. The cost in taxation of running three municipal governments where one would suffice is in itself a great argument.

Now the Rotary club is taking up its work where it left off and it is expected that with characteristic energy a comprehensive plan will be worked out that will assure the success of the election.

TIME IS RIFE.
The annexation of Heaverville by Hammond has simplified matters and the action of Gary in annexing Hobart shows the tendency of the times. The location of the Jones and Laughlin Steel company has raised problems, the solution of which should be in the hands of a single set of city officials instead of three.

It is believed that the Calumet region is looking forward to the greatest expansion in its history that it has ever known and there are so many park, boulevard, water and sanitation problems that are inextricably involved in question as to whether or not amalgamation is to be a fact that the election can not be long postponed.

TWENTY-SIX BUILDERS
SEEK SANITARIUM JOB

CROWN POINT, IND., March 7.—Bids will be opened April 3 by the Board of County Commissioners on the tuberculosis sanitarium project.

After a long series of disputes between county and state medical and anti-tubercular societies over the plans, a set has finally been accepted which embodies every modern device and equipment for a tubercular hospital.

The sanitarium will cost \$200,000 and will be built so that extensions can be added when necessary. It is to be located on a hundred acre tract of land one and a half miles north of Crown Point.

The administration, power and service building will cost approximately \$250,000, according to the estimate, while the pavilion or to cost \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

Twenty-six contracting firms have applied for plans on which to make their bids. County Auditor Poland has only eight sets or plans which would ordinarily be a great sufficiency.

BROTHER OF JOHN
L. ROHDE IS DEAD

Fred Rohde, brother of Postmaster John L. Rohde, died last night at his home in Oak Park, survived by a widow and married son. From 1922 to 1924 he served as alderman from the ninth ward in the Chicago city council. He was well known in Hammond.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Postmaster Rohde's elder sister died a month ago.

TELEPHONE
COMPANY'S
VALUATIONHere are the Figures They Were
Talking About Spending
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[SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]
CROWN POINT, Ind., March 7.—Why spend \$3,000 to determine the physical valuation of the properties of the telephone company in Lake county? Here are the figures taken from the tax records by County Treasurer Ralph Bradford.

The law solemnly prescribes that all real estate and improvements, including industrial, be assessed at 100 per cent of its true valuation for purposes of taxation.

The 1922 valuations on which the telephone company pays taxes are as follows:

Hammond, \$392,846; Whiting, \$45,355; East Chicago, \$29,190; Gary, \$30,825; Crown Point, \$22,585; and the county, \$2,208,866. The telephone company's county taxes this year are \$35,537.32.

Prior to the enactment of the new tax law which became effective in 1915 property was assessed at twenty-five per cent of its true value.

Below are the increases made when the system of assessing property was changed from 25 per cent to 100 per cent:

(TELEPHONE COMPANY.)
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GARY.
1919 \$16,130
1920 22,575
COUNTY.
1919 \$1,098,925
1920 1,866,140

Under the 25 per cent method the telephone company paid county taxes amounting to \$37,940.32 in 1919 while under the 100 per cent valuation a year later its taxes were \$18,216.48. In 1921 its taxes were boosted to \$27,474.50 and for 1922 they are \$35,537.32—still less than in 1919, thanks to the Goodrich tax law.

Investments in stocks of Gary corporations which have been having poor sledding recently are blamed for the financial failure of John Black, formerly a wealthy farmer of Cedar Creek township who today filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Hammond.

In his assets Mr. Black lists the following holdings of corporation stocks with their present value:

1,000 shares O. K. Giant Battery Corp. stock, \$3.00.
40 shares Gary Motor Truck Co. stock, \$3.00.
One share Kankakee Valley Grain Co. stock, \$100.

Thus 1,391 shares now have a total value of \$3,010.

Mr. Black schedules a number of promissory notes of various amounts, some of which are secured by stock certificates. His total debts are given at \$44,028.91 while his assets will amount to \$4,332 after the customary \$600 exemption has been made. If the assets bring their listed value in a sale the creditors will receive practically dollar for dollar.

NEW HOUSE TO
GREGORY STRING

[SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]
CROWN POINT, Ind., March 7.—Fred Bartholomae announced this week that he had sold his interest in the Crown Theatre to the S. J. Gregory Theatrical Co. of Hammond, owners of the Parthenon and Orpheum theatres in that city who will assume possession at once. The same policies will be followed in the running of the theatre, several new improvements, however, the installing of a pipe organ being the main one will be made.

Mr. Bartholomae has owned and run the theatre since it was built and has shown the best in best in pictures. The theatre has been known as one putting on the cleanest shows in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomae are leaving next Saturday on the Olympia for an extended European tour.

MOONSHINE INSANE FILL
POOR FARM AND CO. JAIL

CROWN POINT, Ind., March 7.—Moonshine is taking a terrible toll in Lake county. The county jail and the poor farm are crowded with insane men. All state institutions for the insane are filled. Some place will have to be provided for the county's moonshine insane.

Insanity due to moonshine has increased so alarmingly within the past few months that county officials are seriously considering the advisability of erecting a county insane asylum.

There are 168 cases of insanity being held at the county jail and the poor farm.

It is impossible to give the insane men medical treatment at either of these crowded places. The poor farm now has five classes of inmates—the poor who belong there, the insane, idiotic, tubercular and syphilitic.

"Moonshine madness" is a very serious form of mental and physical illness.

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SURVEYOR SEEKS TO
ELIMINATE CROSSING

Reads Communication to the
Commissioners Regarding
the "Death Trap."